

**WELCOME TO
CHARLESTOWN
EARLY YEARS**



A hand-drawn illustration of a boy on the left and a girl on the right, both wearing blue shirts and holding up a large, wavy banner. The boy has curly hair and is pointing upwards with his right hand. The girl has long hair and is also pointing upwards with her right hand. The banner is white with a black outline and contains text.

Explorers

(Nursery, Reception and Year 1)

Phase 1 is the start of your Charlestown journey.

Here you meet new friends and learn how to play and explore together.

You have many of your interactions through play. You uncover the wonderful world of letters, sounds and numbers and start to make sense of the world around you. You explore being creative, learn how to stay safe but also how to take risks in your learning and start to learn how to be respectful and responsible individuals.

Hello and welcome to Charlestown's EYFS classes!

I'm Miss Francis and I am the Explorers Lead. I look after all the children and staff in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. I teach Reception.

If you ever need anything, I'm here to support my team in helping you!



Our EYFS Team

There are lots of people who work in Early Years in the Nursery and the Reception Classes. Here are some of them:



Miss Ncube



Miss Francis



Mrs Collins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Williams



Miss Robertson



Miss Ryan



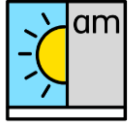
Mrs Barker

Here is an example day:



School starts at 8.40am.

Children will come in and have a bagel. They will complete the register and settle in for the day.

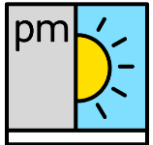


Mornings will have two small teaching sessions and lots of learning in our indoor and outdoor continuous provision areas. In Reception, children will do phonics.



Lunch

11.30-12.30 If your child is on school dinners, you will need to order these online. Please see the office for more support.



Afternoons will have two small teaching sessions and lots of learning in our indoor and outdoor continuous provision areas. We will also have our key worker time and all children will be offered fruit.



In Nursery and Reception, we finish a little earlier than the rest of the school.

Our home time is at 3.20pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

On a Friday we finish at 2.10pm!

School Uniform!

Our school uniform is a navy top, white polo and black/grey bottoms.

You need to wear any of the following:

- Joggers
- Pull up trousers
- Leggings
- Skirt or dress
- Black shoes **WITHOUT** laces. Velcro ones or slip on ones are perfect.



What to bring to school

On your first day, please bring in a bag that will stay in school. This bag needs to be small and lightweight, so it fits on our pegs. A gym sack is PERFECT!

It needs to have the following in:

- 2x spare white tops
- 3x Spare school uniform bottoms
- 4x pairs of underwear
- 2x pairs of socks



Please also bring wellington boots on Day 1. These will stay in school.

Things to bring every day: Everyday please bring your child's bookbag (and book/diary in Reception) and a coat. If it is hot, please bring in a thin raincoat. Umbrellas will not be allowed in school.

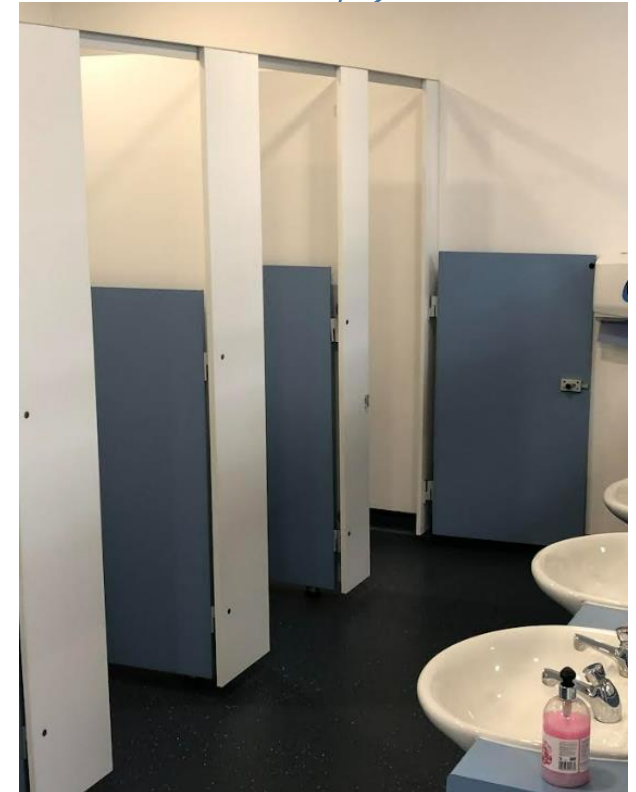
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! IF YOUR CHILD TAKES IT OFF, WE WON'T KNOW IT'S THEIRS WITHOUT A LABEL.

What your classroom might look like:

Here is where you hang your coat and bag



Here are the toilets



Here is your classroom. There are lots of places to play and learn!



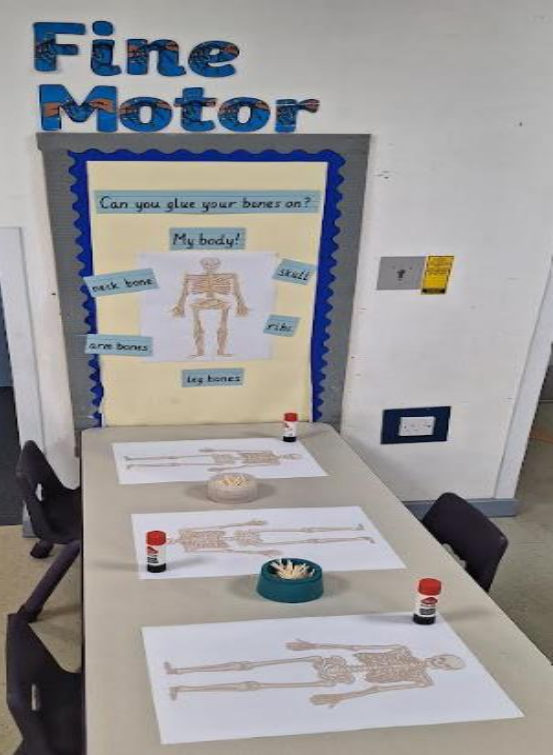
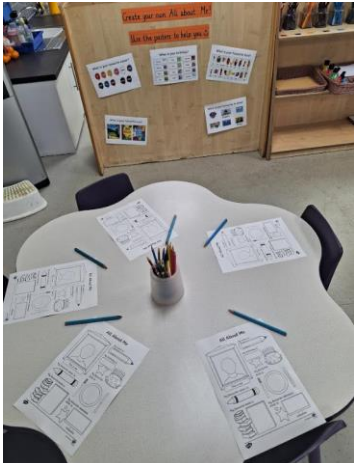
Here is where you play and learn outside!



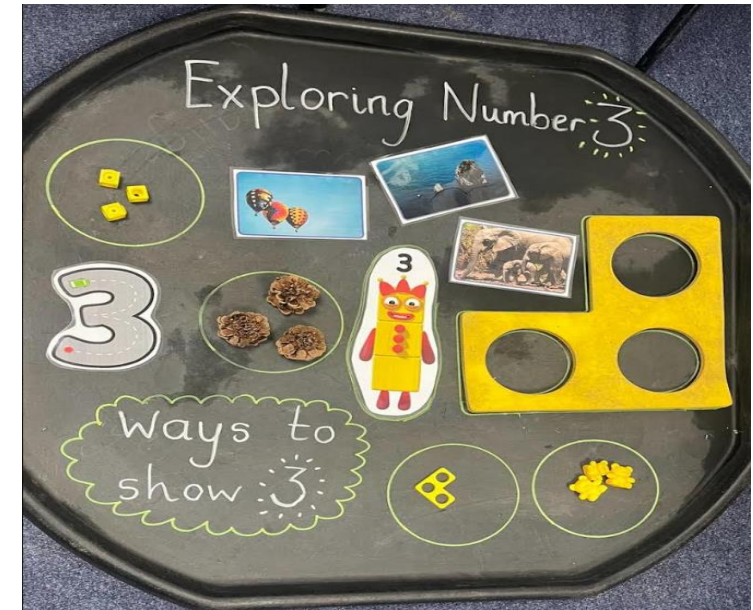
What your learning areas might look like in Nursery:



What your learning areas might look like in Reception:



Some of the activities you might do!

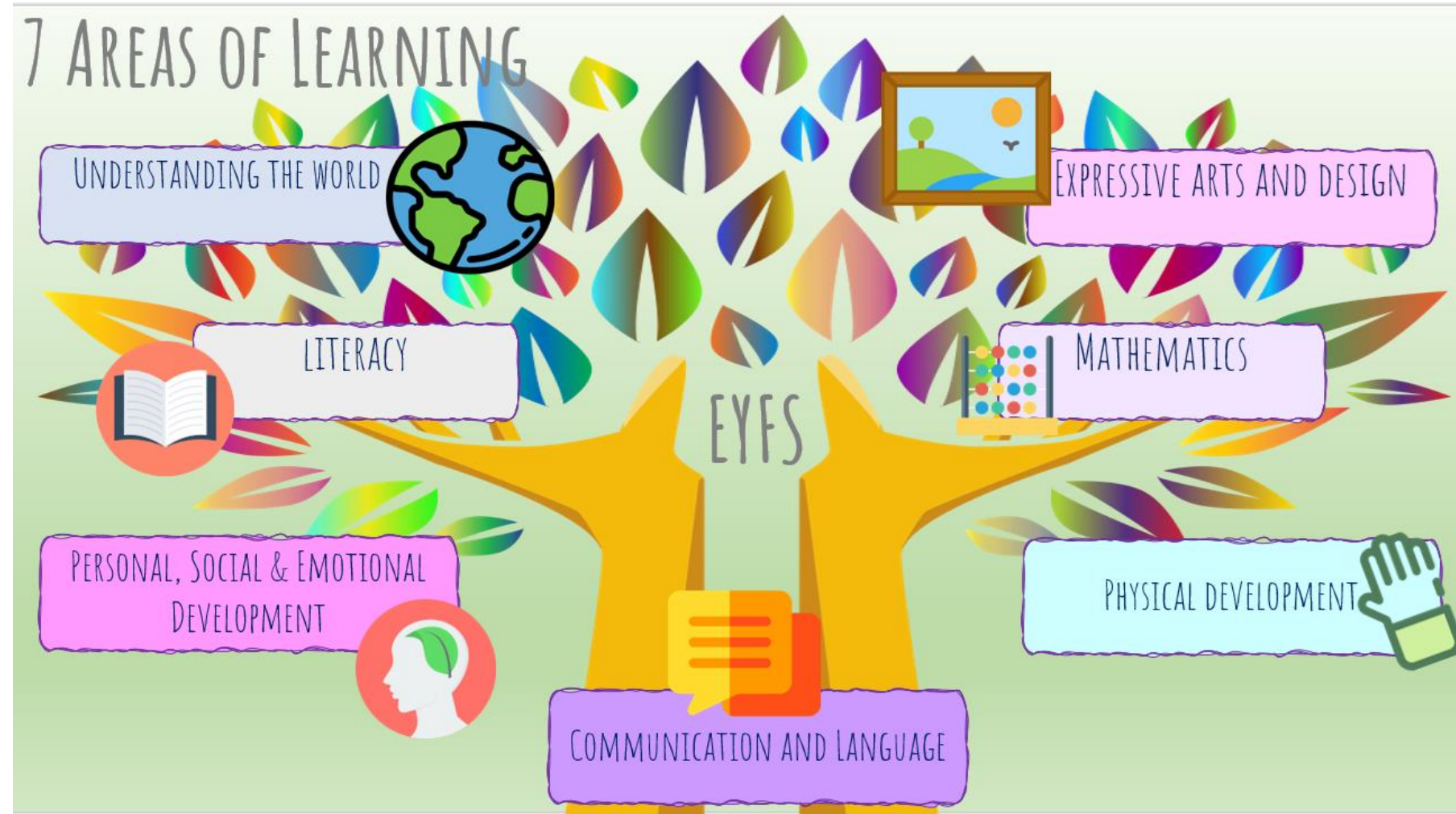


What your child will learn:

In Early Years we follow the EYFS Curriculum set by the government.

We do this by teaching the 7 areas of learning

Children learn through play!



The Curriculum:

	AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
	Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Nursery	All About Me: I am Magical 	Toys: Let's Play!  <i>*including performing Christmas Carols</i>	Transport: How will we get there? 	Story Tellers: Can you tell a story? 	Animals: On the Farm  <i>*including a visit from the farm</i>	Water: Under the Sea  <i>*including transition work</i>
Reception	All About Me / Let's Celebrate  <i>*including performing in the Nativity</i>		Terrific Transport 	Fantastic Tales 	Amazing Animals  <i>*including trip to the zoo!</i>	When I Grow Up  <i>*including transition work</i>

What we expect!

It is expected that you are always responsible, respectful, and safe. We also expect you to be kind to yourself, your peers and all the adults around you. You should be modelling these behaviours to others as you are now the leaders of the school and leaders always model the behaviour that expect to see from others.

You should be at school on time each day.

You should always use your fantastic feet around the school building.

You should try really hard, every day.

You should always tell an adult you trust if someone is hurting you physically or with words.

You should complete your homework each week, on time.

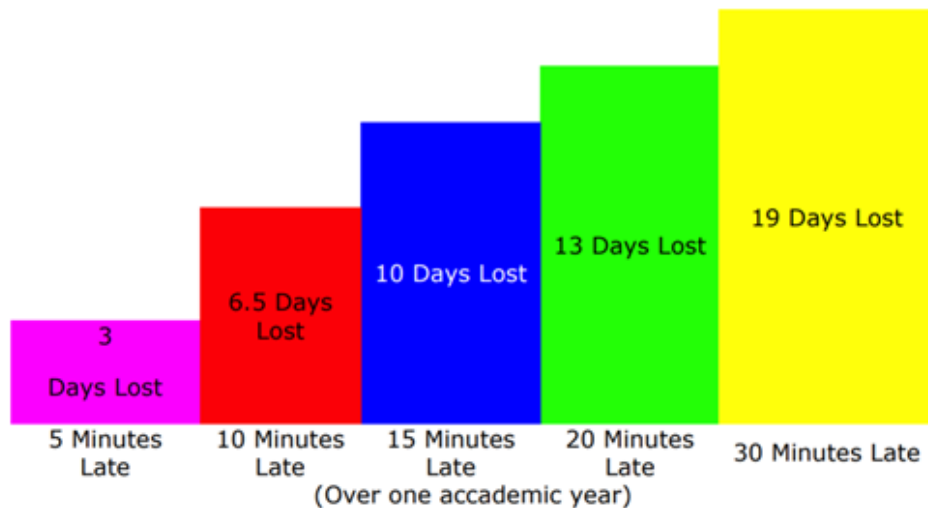
You should make sure you go to bed early to help your brain develop.

Attendance & Punctuality

Bringing your child to school everyday and on time everyday is the best thing you can do to ensure your child thrives at Charlestown Primary School. Every late minute and every missed day does make a difference so if your child is well enough to come to school, please bring them in and on time 😊

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Good or Very Good		Of Concern		Serious Concern	
The best chance of success in learning.		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress and socialise		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress and maintain friendships.	
No absences	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 Days of education	180 Days of education	171 Days of education	161 Days of education	152 Days of education	143 Days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%

There are 365 days in a year




A School year is only 190 days

That leaves: 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

Reading!

We love reading at Charlestown. You can choose a book to take home from our lovely reading space to share at home with your child.

Look at the difference reading can make!!

Why Reading 20 Minutes a Night is so Critical		
Student A	Student B	Student C
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,00 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standard tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

How to support my child in Nursery:

To help your child get a strong start in Nursery this summer you could have a go at:



Toilet training – if your child is in nappies, get them school ready by toilet training



Learning how to put their own coat on and zipping it up



Getting their hand muscles strong! Lots of squeezing, pulling and stretching (play dough is GREAT for this!)



Getting their finger muscles strong (lots of pinching activities)



Playing listening games. This will help them when they need to listen to their teachers and friends

How to support my child in Reception:

To help your child get a strong start in Reception this summer you could have a go at:



Toilet training – if your child is in nappies, get them school ready by toilet training



Learning how to write their name (without copying!)



Counting up to 20



Learning how to form letters correctly



Learning how to zip their coat up and tie their laces